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Applicant : Stanley J. Kostoff, II et al. Art Unit : 2155
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THE RESPONSE TO A MESSAGE REQUESTING THE RESPONSE

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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 29, 2005

In reply to the Final Office Action of July 29, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Two independent claims are pending (1, 4).

The examiner has rejected both independent claims under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gleeson (US 5627829). The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Claims 1 and 4 have to do with the mechanism used by a receiving station to send a response to a transmitting station to indicate receipt (or other status) of a frame received from the transmitting station. In the prior art, it was conventional to send a response that included the full destination address, i.e., the address of the receiving station. This is the approach taught in Gregg, which until the most recent office action had been the patent examiner's principal reference. The rejection based on Gregg has now been withdrawn.

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